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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1895.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1895.

## TELEGRAMS.

## A CONUNDRUM.

LONDON, January 9th.

M. Rousseau goes as Minister to Tongkin.  
[What Reuter probably means is that M. Rousseau will succeed M. de Lanessan, as Governor-General of Indo-China. And this interesting fact was what from Paris on December 30th. M. Rousseau was at one time Under Secretary for the Marine and Colonies.—Ed., H.K. Telegraph.]

## GERMAN BENEVOLENCE.

The German Red Cross Society has voted a sum of four hundred pounds sterling for the use of the Red Cross Society of Japan.

## THE PORT ARTHUR ATROCITIES.

The Times correspondent describes the four days' horrible butchery of unarmed Chinese, attended with nameless atrocities. Groups of prisoners tied together were strangled with bullets, and afterward hacked to pieces.  
The Times, in a leading article, admits the Japanese had some reason in the mutilation of a few of their countrymen, but the disgrace of cold-blooded butcheries rests with the Japanese Army; adding that the General who failed to arrest this merciless slaughter has cast an indelible blot upon the Japanese Arms.  
[We felt confident that Cowen, the Times correspondent alluded to—and who is likewise Comic Special to the China Mail—would quickly extinguish himself when allowed rope enough. And he has effectively done so—the bludgeoned jacks!—Ed., H.K. Telegraph.]

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

THE LIBERALS AND THE LABOUR PARTY.  
LONDON, December 14th.  
Lord Rosebery, speaking at West Ham, urged the necessity of concord between the Liberals and the Labour Party and taking common action in questions relating to the working classes. His lordship said that at the present juncture the points of difference between the two parties on other subjects should be reserved.

## INDIA AND NYASSA AND.

December 15th.  
Mr. H. H. Johnston, C.B., Imperial Commissioner of Nyassaland, will visit India in connection with his duties of promoting the emigration and settlement of Indian traders and agriculturists in Nyassaland. Mr. Johnston will probably arrive next January.

## THE KRICHSTAG.

Berlin, December 15th.  
The Reichstag to-day adopted a resolution to strengthen the disciplinary powers of the President.

## THE DUFFER STATE COMMISSION.

RANGOON, December 16th.  
Mr. Waddy, adviser to the Chinese Government, is en route to meet Mr. Scott, who reached Kengtung on the 30th ultimo, and was leaving for Hongkong where the party were to meet on December 2nd. The escort consists of 1200 men and 1000 mules, one Gurkha Company, and three native officers. The whole are commanded by Captain G. N. Caulfield. The work of the Mission begins from Kengtung, and the settlement of the limits of the intermediate zone will occupy about one month. A great deal of survey work is expected to be done by the party who belong to the Survey of India Department. The trigonometrical points already fixed will be verified. Surgeon-Major Lloyd is in medical charge of the Mission.

## COTTON DUTIES IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, December 17th.  
A Bill was introduced imposing a duty of five per cent. on cotton imports, and an equivalent export duty will be levied on such Indian manufactures as come into direct competition with the imported article. Cottons of yarns of higher than twenty shillings a pound being taken as exempt up to 24 shillings.

LONDON, December 17th.  
The Times leading article declares that the Bill is a measure of justice to India, the duty being demanded by the general voice of that country.

## WASHINGTON, December 18th.

The House of Representatives has commenced a debate on the Bill presented by Mr. Carlisle, the Secretary for the Treasury, for reforming the Currency and Banking Laws.

## THE EGYPTIAN BUDGET.

CAIRO, December 19th.  
The Budget report of the Egyptian Legislative Council states that the condition of the finances is desperate, owing to over taxation. It suggests the diminution of the staff of European officials and the employment of the surplus revenue for the benefit of the fallen.

## LONDON, December 19th.

At a meeting of the Manchester and Operative Society, Manchester, a resolution was passed, which was afterwards wired to Mr. Fowler, Secretary of State for India, protesting strongly against the imposition of cotton duties in India for which a countervailing excise duty was not equivalent.

The Times financial articles, referring to the statements of the Chairman at the meeting of the Bombay-Baroda Railway, says that it seems incredible view of the favorable results shown, that investors are so diffident in investing in new lines in India and suggests that English Chambers of Commerce should publish concisely facts showing that a large percentage is payable on many Indian Railways.

## PARIS, December 20th.

The scandals connected with blackmailing clubs by French journalists are extending investigations reveal further ramifications of evil, and more journalists are being implicated.

## LAUNCH OF THE "MAGNIFICENT."

LONDON, December 20th.  
The barquette battleship *Magnificent* was floated to-day. The ceremony of the launching is a specially notable feat, the huge vessel having been constructed within the current year.

## RUSSIAN COTTON DUTY.

St. Peterburg, December 20th.  
The Russian Government has sanctioned an increase in the import duty on cotton.

## LONDON, December 20th.

The death is announced of Sir Edmund Lechmere, Conservative member for Evesham.  
December 21st.  
Major Owen and Captain Macdonald have been authorized to wear the decoration of the Star of Zambhar for services at Yawon; also Lieutenant Arthur for services while commanding the Zambhar troops on active service.

Admiral Belford has been appointed C.B., and Captain Campbell of the cruiser *Philomel*, and Captain Powell of the cruiser *Phaia* have been appointed C.B.'s, with other naval rewards for services connected with the operations against the Chet Nana, on the West Coast of Africa.  
New York, December 21st.

Much anxiety is being felt in financial circles owing to a recommendation of a drain in American gold to Europe, notwithstanding the fact that to strengthen the reserve. A heavy export is again depleting the stock of gold in the United States Treasury.  
CAIRO, December 21st.

The Budget report of the Egyptian Legislative Council demands that one million pounds should be set aside for reduction of the land tax and protests against the presence of the British Army of Occupation.  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

LONDON, December 21st.  
The Times, referring to the state of affairs in British East Africa, says the delay which is taking place in settling the claims of the British East Africa Company which, it says, should not be treated grudgingly, but under any circumstances the British Government should build forthwith a railway connecting the coast with Uganda.

## THE ENGLISH CRICKETERS IN AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY, December 21st.  
The first of the cricket matches between Mr. Stoddard's team and All Australia was concluded yesterday. The attendance and enthusiasm were great, and a sensational struggle resulted in the victory of Mr. Stoddard's eleven by ten runs. All Australia were the test, and in their first innings put together 586 runs, Mr. Stoddard's team, comprising 325, which necessitated a follow on. In the second attempt the English team completed 437 runs. The Australians then went in, but were only able to obtain 166, amidst the greatest excitement of the enormous crowd of spectators, leaving the English team winners by only ten runs. The match lasted six days.

## AMOY RACES.

(By Telegram)

Stewards:—T. M. Boyd, Esq., R. H. Bruce, Esq., J. W. Carrall, Esq., F. Cass, Esq., Dr. McDougall, W. S. Orr, Esq., Ass. Piel, Esq., H. P. White, Esq.

SECOND DAY.—TUESDAY, 8TH JANUARY, 1895.  
COMPROMISE CUP: presented; value \$100; and pony \$25; for Amoy Subscription Grifflins of ten runs; winner of one race 7 lbs. extra; of two or more 10 lbs. extra; previous non-winners 7 lbs. extra; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Trel's Carabineer, 11st 11lb (incl. 7lb ex.)  
Mr. Bruce's Bumblebees, 11st 5lb (incl. 7lb ex.)  
Mr. McArthur's Rover, 10st 11lb (incl. 7lb ex.)  
Time, 2 min. 5 sec.

CHALLENGER CUP: value \$250; a forced entry for all Amoy and Formosa owned ponies, optional to Subscription Grifflins of this season; half entrance fees to the winner, until the Cup is finally won, when the second pony shall receive the half entrance fees; to be won two consecutive meetings, by a pony or ponies, the *half mile* property of the same owner of one mile; weights as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Dryadus's gr. Cobweb, 11st 8lb (incl. 7lb ex.)  
Mr. McArthur's Rover, 10st 11lb (incl. 7lb ex.)  
Mr. Bruce's Rover, 10st 11lb (incl. 7lb ex.)  
Time, 4 min. 40-5 sec.

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Time, 4 min. 40-5 sec.

Mr. Bruce's h. Dainty, 10st 6lb ..... 3  
Time, 2 min. 50-5 sec.  
LADIES' PURSE, presented; for all China ponies; to be ridden by residents of Amoy, Foochow or Formosa; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Once round and a distance.  
Mr. Dryadus's gr. Hard Times, 11st 11lb ..... 1  
Mr. Barney's Sassa, 11st 11lb ..... 1  
Mr. McArthur's Rover, 10st 11lb ..... 1  
Time, 2 min. 22-5 sec.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A DRESS SUIT—the tailor going to law for his hard earned shekels.  
One hundred missionaries were sent to China by the Swedish Lutheran Church in 1893.

The Orator's season opens at the Theatre Royal at 9 p.m. We shall "know what it is to be there."  
The Tammany tiger and the Chinese dragon, says the Washington Star, should get together and sympathize.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of India* left Vancouver on the 6th instant for this port.

D'ARCY'S MARIONETTES are still drawing big houses, and to-night the Bijou Theatre will no doubt be crammed, owing to the fresh attractions billed by the enterprising management.

The Pope has authorized the Patriarch to maintain a resident Bishop in Rome to assist in the plans to develop the Catholic clergy in the Orient and prepare for a union of the churches.

At the Magistrate's this morning Mr. Hastings held an inquiry in connection with the fire that occurred at No. 210, Queen's Road Central, on the 8th instant, found that it was occasioned by the explosion of a kerosene oil lamp.

The report from Tientsin dated the 3rd inst. that General Nieh's army had inflicted a severe defeat upon the Japanese First Army Corps at Motinglia has been confirmed from sources that are usually both reliable and well informed.

His Excellency Quong Tche Tcheung, the special envoy despatched by the Chinese Government to congratulate the Emperor Nicholas upon his accession to the throne of Russia put up at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday, and left by the French mail to-day for Europe.

A CROWD of "drunks," rogues and vagabonds, belligerent carpenters and boatmen, etc., were either fined or sent to prison by Mr. Hastings at the Police Court this morning for committing various minor offences which are not of sufficient public interest to be recapitulated in cold type.

THE Ocean Co.'s steamer *Memnon* was the scene of unusual activity this morning owing to the departure of 400 coolies being shipped for the plantations in British North Borneo. This is the largest batch of coolies forwarded from Hongkong to Borneo since the disastrous collapse of about four years ago.

TALMADE, the well known American religious speaker was lecturing at Aberdeen, some 17 years ago. A calico steamer outside the local hall announced the fact as follows:—  
A Lecture by the great Dr. Talmaide.  
The world is now in a state of an all.  
Admission—4s, 3s, 2s, and 1s.

JAMES E. Nadeau, seaman, who makes the twelfth man charged at the instance of Capt. Whitmore, of the American ship *Berlin*, at the Police Court within the last week, was sentenced to eight weeks' imprisonment by Mr. Hastings this morning for refusing duty, etc., and is under the same condition as his chums, who were similarly treated the other day.

When we went to press this evening the Wing Lok Street murder case was still dragging its weary length under the Criminal Sessions, and there was little hope of the Jury, who looked completely worn out and heavily sick of the whole business, retiring to consider their verdict until about midnight, owing to the vigorous and untiring efforts of the Counsel for the defence to get their clients off Scot-free.

THE Sydney Bulletin pleasantly suggests that the recent death, "from a broken heart" of an Australian ex-police official, may have been attributable—as most people suppose—to a love-affair, but then it may have been caused by the discovery that a diamond stamper (received as a gift of forgetting where a fugitive had gone to), which he had not dared to show or realize on since he got it seven years ago, was paste, and very poor paste at that.

A JAPAN contemporary prints in all seriousness that Mr. T. Cowen, the *China Snail's* Comic War Correspondent, intends to make his way from Hongkong to the scene of fighting in the neighborhood of Newchwang, and will probably have to travel overland from the Yalu river. Very like an alligator. We should really like to have a back view of our local "German Anarchist" basking in a fiery and untamed "riches" overland from the Yalu to Newchwang at this cheerful season of the year.

The Ichang correspondent of the Shanghai *Mercury* writes under date the 20th ult.—The steamer *Viking* arrived here on the 6th inst., having been ten days on the way from Hankow. She was on shore on Sunday Island for a few days, but came off without any damage, and when she arrived at Shanghai her boilers sprung a leak, which her engineer, Mr. McKenzie, managed to repair roughly. In consequence of this our calls and provisions have been much delayed. It is rumored that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. are getting another steamer ready for the Hankow-Ichang line. Snow was seen on the surrounding hills here on the 6th inst., which is rather early, as Ichang is noted for its mild winters. The disbanded soldiers who murdered a woman and her child in the City last month have not yet been caught. It is said that they were seen at Shanghai, but where allowed to pass through by bribing the petty officials at that place.—Water mark—8 7 in; weather dry and charming.

At a regular meeting of United Service Lodge last night Bro. T. Spafford was duly installed as W. M., and afterwards invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—  
I.P.M. .... Wor. Bro. H. J. Watson.  
S.W. .... G. Moffatt.  
J.W. .... H. A. E. Hollis.  
Treasurer .... F. Howell.  
Secretary .... Wor. C. W. Duggan.  
Chaplain .... St. Alan Baylis.  
Organist .... G. A. E. Chaslet.  
S.D. .... G. Gordon.  
J.D. .... W. H. E. Smith.  
D.C. .... J. R. Craik.  
Steward .... A. W. Weston.  
L.G. .... F. D. Addyman.  
Tyler .... J. Maxwell.

A banquet was afterwards held, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly responded.

## THE "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" ASHORE.

JANEIRO ASHORE.

It was rumored in shipping circles to-day that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, Captain J. T. Smith, which was timed to arrive here to-morrow from San Francisco via Yokohama and Nagasaki, was badly ashore off the south coast of Japan. At first the report gained but slight credence, but we regret, however, to find upon inquiry at the Pacific Mail Co.'s office, that the rumours were well founded, for the Agent courteously informed our reporter that the *City of Rio* was ashore between Van Diemen's Straits and Nagasaki on the 6th instant, presumably in a fog, and that assistance has been sent to her from Nagasaki. The Captain of the *Oceanic*, which left Hongkong bound for Nagasaki to-day, has been instructed to look out for the *City of Rio* and render her any assistance in his power.  
The American mails will probably be sent on from Nagasaki, and may be expected to arrive here in a day or two.

## BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The eighth half-yearly meeting of the British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association was held last night. The President of the Association, Captain A. Tillett (Marine Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company) presided, and there were also present Captains B. Branch (Hon. Treasurer), H. C. A. Harris, S. MacIsaac, J. C. Cheetham, Messrs. J. Calder, J. McGeorge, S. Nicholson, J. W. Chambers, T. Barwell, J. Thomas, Geo. Williams (Secretary) and others.

The Secretary opened the proceedings by reading the report for the last half-year, from which we take the following excerpts:—"During the past six months there have been 14 resignations (mostly bad paying members), one member was removed by death and there were 10 new members and 5 nominations. The total membership is as follows:—Ordinary, 120; annual, 3; visiting, 4."

"At the adjourned fourth Annual Meeting, held on the 20th August, 1894, a Managing Committee of 40 members was formed; and at a committee meeting held on 7th September, 5 members were elected as a Bar Committee. Since the aforementioned Committee was formed the condition of the Association has vastly improved; rowdy members have been expelled, non-members have been ejected from the Rooms, and improper conduct in the Rooms has been suppressed. A lease of the Rooms has been taken for one year at \$100 per month, owing to Messrs. Laing, Weger & Co. having leased the whole premises, and giving up the alternative of leasing the rooms from them at the above mentioned rent or quit the premises. No other rooms being suitable for the Association, it was resolved at a committee meeting to take out a lease for the rooms at present occupied. A very enjoyable and successful Smoking Concert was given at the Rooms on the 16th November; over 100 persons were present; all kinds of refreshments were free, and a balance of \$18 was left from the 'Smoker's' fund. Financially we are in a much better position than we have been for the last six months, as it will be observed by the Balance Sheet that we have a credit of \$93-4-4 after clearing our liabilities. On the 1st September our liabilities amounted to \$407 with only \$54 cash in hand, so it is very obvious that we are again on the surface. Evidently, members are paying up better than formerly, and we have now 110 good paying members against 80 in August last."

"Our Honorary President, Captain A. Tillett, has expressed his intention of resigning the Presidency at this Meeting, and it has been proposed by most of the members that Captain Harris of the Douglas Co.'s steamer *Memnon* should succeed him, providing Captain Harris is agreeable to accept the position."

Captain B. Branch presented a statement of accounts which showed satisfactory progress made by the Association and a sound financial status. He urged the members to be punctual in the payment of subscriptions and other dues, and, amidst applause, congratulated the Secretary, Mr. Geo. Williams, upon the result of his labours and the attention he had given to the affairs of the Association.

Mr. Calder followed in a lengthy and earnest address, in which he expressed the hope that the Association would long be maintained as a credit to the British seafaring community. Captain H. C. A. Harris was elected President by the unanimous vote of the meeting. In acknowledging the compliment he referred to the labours of the Secretary who had performed his duties very satisfactorily.

A cordial vote of thanks to Captain Tillett, the retiring President, and a similar compliment to Captain Branch for his services as Treasurer, concluded the business of the meeting.

## THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF GUNNER JACOBS, R. A.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

At the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, Mr. H. E. Wedehouse, Coroner, opened an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Frederick Charles Jacobs, gunner of the Royal Artillery, whose body was found floating in Hongkong harbour, near Kowloon Island, on the 2nd inst.

Alexander Campbell, a constable of the Water Police, stated that at 7 a.m. on the 2nd inst. he found the body of deceased floating in the harbour about a hundred yards off Kowloon Island. It was a good deal decomposed, and was dressed in Royal Artillery uniform. He took it to Wellington Barracks.

Sergeant John Robert Day, R.A., said he saw a body at Wellington Barracks' mortuary, and identified it as that of Gunner Jacobs. Deceased was a single man, about thirty years of age, a native of the Isle of Wight, and he came to Hongkong attached to the 25th Company, Southern Division, in the *Ironclad*, *Thames*, which arrived here on the 27th November last.

Thomas Cooper, bombardier of the Royal Artillery, stated that he saw deceased at St. George's Island at 4 p.m. on Christmas Day, when he had gone to visit some friends. At 4.30 p.m. deceased was in his barracks-room, where witness left him, and had not seen him since. Jacobs appeared to be quite sober, and was about to return to North Barracks.

Gunner T. Farnham, R.A., knew Jacobs, who was stationed with him at North Barracks. He last saw him alive about 4.30 a.m. on the 27th December in the barracks at St. George's Island, where the last witness was also present. Jacobs was quite sober, and the only means of getting back to the barracks was by a small dinghy, which he would have to row himself. Witness got back to the barracks at 4.30 a.m. by launch, which Jacobs refused to come by, because he was improperly dressed, being attired in a suit of white clothing, with white waistcoat and a grey shirt.



reinforcements the latter will be able to give the Japanese Second Army another battle in the near future.

A decree dated the 3rd instant has been received at this port by wire to the following effect:—Li Hung-chang reports that amongst the Generals responsible for the loss of Port Arthur last November, General Huang Se-ling fell during the fighting at the time, into the water, but was rescued. As for Tiao Hui-yl (the unwary commander of Tientsin) and Wei Ju-cheng, Li Hung-chang declares that these two men cannot be found. The Emperor now commands that Huang Se-ling be forthwith sent under arrest to the Board of Punishments for trial, and that his rank of expectant 7th be taken away from him. As for Tiao Hui-yl and Wei Ju-cheng, above-named, Li Hung-chang is commanded to search for them diligently and not allow them to escape from punishment.

A telegram from Tientsin received yesterday afternoon, January 4th, at Shanghai states the Japanese have been giving new names to some of the cities they have captured in Manchuria, and that great indignation is consequently felt by the Chinese at the alleged presumption of the enemy. For instance, the sub-prefecture town of Kinchow near Port Arthur, taken on the 6th of November last, has been transferred into a *Shen* or district magistracy, and the name changed into Loh-chun-shien the preceding magistrate being a Japanese, but this proceeding is capped by placing a renegade Korean over the city of Hsueh-yen, to the south-west of Fenghuangcheng, as sub-prefect of that city. The name of Hsueh-yen is also said to have been changed for some characters commemorative of the event which led to its capture last October.

The recent tour of inspection over the land and river defenses of the Lianjiang provinces by Viceroy Chang Chih-tung has already produced results. A stringent order has been issued, under death penalty, that the troops obey their foreign instructors as readily as their Chinese officers, as not less than thirty foreigners of various nationalities, more or less acquainted with military duties, have been recently engaged by Chang Chih-tung, the majority according to our informant, being of Danish origin, some of whom have come out specially to join the Chinese service. In the second place his Excellency finds that, according to the Hunan system, it has been the custom for the troops belonging to the Army of the Slang (*Siang Ching*) to be paid once every forty days instead of monthly as in the case of the Army of the Hui (*Hui Ching*) belonging to Li Hung-chang's organization. The Viceroy Chang has now ordered that the troops within his jurisdiction be paid monthly and their wages be raised from 3.20 to 4.20. For the artillery stationed at the various forts at Woonung and the Yangtze the pay has been increased from five to ten taels monthly, and four hundred new gunners, picked from the regular gunboat flotilla have since been added to the garrison at the Woonung forts, and 1,200 to the various Yangtze forts at Kiangyin, Chinkiang, Nanking, etc., etc.

According to advices from Chefoo it is computed that at the present moment there cannot be less than 20,000 men stationed in the vicinity of that port, not including Weihaiwei, where there are some 11,000 men belonging to Wu Tai-ching, the Governor of Hunan, and 6,500 belonging to the regular garrison of the forts. The Chefoo troops are under the special command of Li Ping-heng, the Governor of the province. In order to get the quickest intelligence of any attempted landing of the Japanese on the Shantung coast the Governor has despatched 3,500 cavalry (well armed with Winchester repeating carbines) spread out at distances of two or three miles along the coast north and south of Chefoo, and in bodies of from 500 to 600 each. The Governor is still despatching Port Arthur and Weihaiwei deserters at regular intervals. A soldier who was made captive at Kinchow last November by the Japanese, and who, with ninety odd comrades, was subsequently incarcerated at Tientsin, has succeeded in making his escape back to Chefoo, and has reported to Governor Li Ping-heng that on the 22nd of November last nineteen of the war prisoners at Tientsin were taken from confinement of whom eighteen were subsequently recaptured. The unfortunate men were stripped of their clothing and the next morning were found frozen to death.

According to the *Shengao* the Japanese Government has telegraphed to the Tanshi Yamén its acquiescence in the Chinese overtures for peace, and that Chang Yui-huan, Vice-President of the Board of Revenue, has been ordered to proceed to Shanghai from Peking in order to meet Shao Yü-llen, the acting Governor of Hunan, at Shanghai preparatory to starting for Japan.

The new Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial armies in the North, Liu K'un-yl, was escorted by a bodyguard of 15,000 infantry and 4,500 cavalry upon arrival at Tientsin last month, which, added to the 60,000 foot and 7,000 cavalry which have been flowing northward since August last from the Yangtze provinces, should bring the army of the Slang in the Peiyang up to nearly 90,000 men.

## FOOCHOW NOTES.

FOOCHOW, December 29th.

It is understood that Tis. 2,000,000 have been subscribed by the guilds to the War Loan of this province.

The Hunan General, Ch'ing Wan Min, has been appointed Military Commander-in-Chief of the forces in this prefecture.

The price of oranges, which last year at this season was \$3 per picul, has advanced this year to \$5 and even \$7. The scarcity of this fruit is attributed to the lack of rain.

Large and profitable business is reported on small subsidiary silver coins, made in Canton. The ten cent pieces are bought for 80 cash at Canton, and are sold here for 100 cash.

The pole merchants complain that on account of the war, freights have been so high that they have not been able to ship the large quantities of poles usually exported from this port.

The much respected and popular Provincial Judge, Chang Kuo Cheng, returned in the *Peichin* on Monday from Peking, where he was sent as deputy of the Province to render homage to the Empress Dowager on her 60th birthday.

The new Viceroy, Pien Pao Ch'uan, has announced that, having received definite orders from the Emperor, he intends starting from his home on the 6th of the Chinese first moon, which will probably bring him to Foochow about the end of February.

The sweet potatoes, bamboo shoots, beans, and orange crops have been very poor, owing to the lack of rain, and this, coupled with the low exchange, (gold to-day being quoted \$46.50 per tael), makes foreign goods expensive. The war is also curtailing Japanese importations, both in place goods and dry fish.

Native cloth weavers, of which there must be some 10,000 in the city, are complaining that they can only obtain 300 to 400 cash for a piece

15 feet long of their manufacture, as compared with double that price in former years. It is now used only by the country people, the cloth being found not so durable as the foreign importation which, though dearer, lasts longer.

Business among the natives has not been flourishing lately, teamsters complaining that owing to the low prices their last has obtained, they had to replace the teams by rice. The rice exported from the port up to date only amounts to 305,000 piculs, as compared with 490,000 piculs during 1893. Rain also coming so very late in the year has lessened the rice crop, and were it not for the large importation of grain from the north, the prices would have advanced enormously; as it is now, on account of recent arrivals, prices have dropped another 15 cents per picul during the current week.

It is said that some 20 large native banks have closed, profitable business being impossible. More are expected to close, and as Chinese New Year day is near at hand, falling this year on the 26th January, it is feared that many will not be able to meet their liabilities and will probably have to declare themselves bankrupts. Such being the case, it is rather surprising to hear that the local authorities have put up a proclamation informing the public that, on account of the war, it will be necessary to impose a war tax, and calling on every one to contribute to it cheerfully and patriotically, it being stated that large levies had to be made for the North and Formosa, and that place but very lately 500 more soldiers were despatched from Lung-on, near Pagoda, and to replace them 500 recruits have arrived from Kiang Ning—*Echo*.

## KOREA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

JAPANESE DIFFICULTIES.

Seoul, December 11th, 1894.

Time does not smooth down the difficulties of the Japanese in Korea, probably because the Japanese do not possess that modicum of worldly wisdom which is supposed to be necessary for the making of a diplomat. When Otori was recalled and Inouye sent to take his place it was supposed that the "bully" policy of the former would be done away with and one more wise counsel would take its place. And, indeed, in the beginning, every one was justified by Inouye's acts in thinking so. But the "nature" of the animal invariably crops out and there is very little difference between this administration and the former. The small Korean world was turned topsy-turvy by Otori's peculiar ideas of reform and so-called civilization. After three months of this it is again turned topsy-turvy by Inouye's abolishing Otori's doings and making new reforms *à la* Inouye. The Council of State or Parliament, or whatever you choose to call it, consisting of 17 men who put forth the name of the King (and Otori) the new Constitution, or law, or reform, or what ever that curious medley can be called, has been abolished by Inouye because it did not carry out with sufficient zeal the reforms proposed by Japan. In its stead an advisory Council of four (including a Minister of Education) was appointed, and this was after a very brief existence abolished for the same reason, and now the King has no one with whom he can confer. This outcome must, of course, be expected by Japan as long as she pursues the present policy. A number of officials are appointed, pro-Japanese of course. It is not long before the King has a number of them on his side (by methods known only to the initiated) and the Japanese find themselves balked by their own nominees.

The Tai-wu-kun has been forbidden the Palace, and all high officials have been forbidden from going to see him. He, however, does visit the Palace notwithstanding Inouye's prohibition, and officials continue to go to his house. When Inouye first came here the Tai-wu-kun was most regular in his visits to the Japanese headquarters and professing most earnestly his belief in Japanese reforms. Curiously enough he was more or less believed and a number of officials of his recommendation were appointed. Their period of holding office was chiefly notorious for their showing every step of the Japanese. The Tai-wu-kun (who is a past master in the art of Oriental diplomacy) also has a most annoying way of winning over pro-Japanese officials to his views. This explains the cause of the above prohibition. The eunuchs and waiting-maids have all been expelled from the country with the exception of a few of the waiting-maids who attend the Queen.

The Tongkaks have not yet been driven out of Chongchong province, notwithstanding Japanese reports. A few days ago a battle was fought between the Japanese and Tongkaks at Yelsan. A full account of the battle has not yet reached us, only incomplete reports from stray Koreans which, however, are almost as unreliable as Japanese reports. The Koreans report that several hundred Koreans were killed as well as a number of Japanese, but the Tongkaks were not dispersed. I give the reports for what they are worth, while waiting for fuller and more reliable details.

A rival king has been set up in the south who goes by the name of Kim Kai-nam, a government with Ministers and Boards, etc., complete. The details have not yet reached Chefoo. His Court is established for the present to Cholla-do.—*N. C. Daily News*.

## SHANTUNG NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 14th, 1894.

All the Manchus troops, mounted and infantry, have been called out from the Tatar garrisons at Ch'ingchow, leaving only 500 Chinese soldiers as a local guard. A few days ago orders came down from the Governor to the local official at that city to forward the remaining troops to the front. They refused to move, and replied that if they had to die, their present location suited them better than the battlefield. In such a case the utter helplessness of the officer can be better imagined than put into words. The very fact that an incident like this, true or untrue, strikes the Chinese civilian as a good joke, is enough to indicate that he is not overzealous for those in authority.

While we have not yet been molested at the interior mission stations of this province, still there is a growing unrest manifested by the people, and daily new stories are invented with a view to implicating the "foreigners" in this Oriental unpleasantness. The latest is that the Japanese intend to land at some point on the north coast, march on the city of Ch'ingchow, and bombard that venerable stronghold with cannon now secreted on the premises of the resident missionaries. Several persons have come out from Weihai city within the past two days, and have been greatly surprised to find that the foreigners are still here, the rumour being current that we have all gone to Shanghai. The wayfarer Chinese soldier is not always of the half-fellow-well-met sort. Many native travellers on the road between here and Chefoo can testify to the foregoing statement, especially those whose carts, animals and even clothing have been rudely wrested from them by certain military fellows of the baser sort. Stories are told of women and children being flung from their vehicles, and left helpless by the roadside, while the miscreants appropriate their carts or donkeys for a free ride of indefinite extent. Such is war in China.—*N. C. Daily News*.

## TIENTSIN NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

TIENTSIN, December 20th, 1894.

Fifty Japanese prisoners have been brought from the front, to be sent to Peking. These men say that they have been kindly treated since their capture and they are all well clothed in sheep-skin coats and Chinese boots.

I find upon further inquiry that the official who was lately heard of left for Peking was not Liu Kwen-yl, as stated, but Deke Kwei. The former has not yet reached here, and report says he is sick at heart at having to leave Nanking.

By the latest advices from Peking, Li Hung-chang has now to face all the officials of the different Boards and the Censors, all of whom are turning against him. The party in opposition to him is daily growing stronger.

I wrote of the impeachment of General Sung, and now we have an Imperial edict ordering General Yeh, of Yashan fame, Admiral Ting, and Kung Taitai of Port Arthur, to appear before the Board of Punishments for the determination of their penalty.

The Customs Courier from Newchwang tells the same story as the native letter-carriers, that there are no Japanese between here and Peking. They are at Fuchow, and are reported to have General Sung surrounded. The long-expected battle that was to settle the fighting in the Peninsula seems just as far off as ever, as the armies are still facing each other and doing nothing. At least, this is the report from Chinese sources, and we believe that the news from Japanese sources is much exaggerated. Even Reuters only sends the Japanese versions, but as the Viceroy and Mr. Dooling are still in good spirits, things cannot be as black as they are painted.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

Tientsin, December 21st.

The Customs Taitai, Huang, reports that Viceroy Liu Kan-yl was sick somewhere up the Grand Canal yesterday. He was passed by some pedestrians yesterday afternoon, frozen in about 30 ft from Tientsin.

A *Hangtsi* of troops (500) left for Shanhai-kuan this morning; more are to be sent. It is said that 30,000 have been sent to Chikow. It is reported that about 20 Japanese prisoners have been brought to Tientsin from Manchuria captured while on scout or picket duties in small parties of two or more. They are to be sent on to Peking.

The families of all southern mandarins who had not left by steamer are being sent away overland. Apparently the feeling prevails that there is a probability of the Japanese coming here before spring. Hence the authorities are concentrating forces at important points. Large numbers are in the vicinity, and they say 20,000 are to be stationed at Tungchow.

The telegraph wires between this and Newchwang are "interrupted," hence the inference that the Japanese are occupying all that part of the country. There is no intelligence concerning their movements.

A telegram from Newchwang asks for assistance from the Red Cross Society, as wounded men are coming in. This indicates fighting not far away. It is believed that the Japanese are trying to surround and completely route General Sung's army. He is said to have some 20,000 men, and their defeat would be a very serious loss to China. Further news will be awaited with much interest. The Chinese are not likely to do more than check temporarily the advance of the Japanese army; many think they cannot possibly reach Peking before spring.—*N. C. Daily News*.

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

8th January, 1895.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Wind.	Temp.	Bar.	Humid.	Cloud.	Dir.	Force.	Dir.	Force.
Wanchow	SE	50.0	30.0	80	100	SE	3	SE	3
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9th January, 1895.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Wind.	Temp.	Bar.	Humid.	Cloud.	Dir.	Force.	Dir.	Force.
Wanchow	SE	50.0	30.0	80	100	SE	3	SE	3
Wanchow	SE	50.0	30.0	80	100	SE	3	SE	3
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Hongkong Observatory, 9th January, 1895.

## HONGKONG REGISTER.

Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Direction of Wind	Force of Wind
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